

Prerogative Court of Canterbury and related Probate Jurisdictions: Will Registers, PROB 11/239/69.

*Abstract of the Will of Richard Best of the City of London, Citizen and Clothworker, written 7 Jan 1653/4, proved 9 Jan 1653/4.*

Gives £400 to **his son Phillipp Best**, to be paid to him when he turns twenty-one. Also gives him his gold seal ring, his best bed and furniture, a third part of his linen, the cabinet in the hall, and other items.

Gives £300 to **his daughter Anne Best** along with his third best bed and furniture.

Gives to his executor the lease of his dwelling house in Fenchurch Street and the lease of a house at London Wall, in trust, paying the profits to his said children Phillipp Best and Anne Best.

Gives to **his daughter Jane Parker** a third part of his linen and his second best bed and furniture, currently located in his house at Carshalton in the county of Surrey.

Gives all his plate to **his five children Elizabeth Winn, Margaret Maryon, Jane Parker, Anne Best and Phillipp Best**.

All the rest of his goods and household stuff he gives to his said son Phillipp Best and to his said daughter Anne Best, share and share alike.

Gives £5 to **his brother John Best** as well as his black doublet hose and cassock which he normally wears on working days. And if the proceeds from his estate in Portugal comes through, he gives him an additional £5.

Gives £5 each to **his three nieces Margaret, Marie and Jane Manninge, daughters of his late sister Margaret Manninge**, to be paid to them when they turn twenty-one. And if the proceeds from his house in Portugal comes through, he gives them an additional £5 each.

Gives 40 shillings to **his nephew Phillipp Manninge** to buy himself a ring.

Gives £5 each to **his nephews Richard Manninge and John Manninge**.

Gives £25 to **his grandchild Sarah Wynn**. And if the proceeds from his estate in Portugal comes through, he gives her an additional £25.

Gives £25 each to **his two grandchildren Joseph Maryon and John Maryon**, and an additional £25 each from the proceeds of his house in Portugal.

Gives all the clothing that belonged to **his late wife** to **his three daughters Elizabeth Wynn, Margaret Maryon and Jane Parker**, share and share alike.

Gives £20 each to **his three sons-in-law Mr. John Winn, Mr. John Maryon and Mr. Bence Parker**.

Appoints **his son-in-law Mr. John Wynn** sole executor of his last will and testament.

And if the proceeds from his estate in Portugal comes through, he gives to **his daughter Margaret Maryon** £100.

Gives £5 to his maid-servant Anne Jones.

Gives 40 shillings to his servant John Hall.

Gives 40 shillings each to William and Elizabeth Barkster, children of his partner John Barkster.

Nominates **his two sons-in-law Mr. John Maryon and Mr. Bence Parker** overseers of his last will and testament, assisting the executor.

Witnesses: John Baxter, Jo: Butler, Sen<sup>r</sup>.